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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 4329.2484-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Masahiro TADA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2115
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Application No.: 09/746,222)	Examiner: Cao, Chun
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004, the period for response to which extends through January 7, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are discussed on page 2 of the paper.

REMARKS follow the **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** and begin on page 8 of the paper.